

What is claimed is;

1. A cutting machine for napped cloth to cut a napped cloth having a single napped surface, comprising:

a cutting means for cutting the napped cloth by advancing

5 a cutter through the napped surface.

2. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 1, wherein the cutting means cuts the napped cloth by moving the cutter so that both  $V_y$ , a component of velocity in a direction wherein a blade of the cutter extends, and  $V_x$ , a component of velocity in a direction orthogonal to the direction wherein the blade of the cutter extends become larger than 0.

10 3. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 2, wherein  $V_x/V_y$ , a ratio of the component of velocity  $V_x$  to the component of velocity  $V_y$  satisfies the following conditional expression:

$$0.5 < V_x/V_y < 2.0$$

15 4. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a fastener means to sandwich and fasten the napped cloth from both sides thereof during cutting of the napped cloth.

20 5. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 2, further comprising a fastener means to sandwich and fasten the napped cloth from both sides thereof during cutting of the napped cloth.

25 6. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim

3, further comprising a fastener means to sandwich and fasten the napped cloth from both sides thereof during cutting of the napped cloth.

5       7. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 1, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.

8. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 2, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.

10       9. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 3, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.

15       10. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 4, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.

11. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 5, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.

20       12. A cutting machine for napped cloth as defined in Claim 6, wherein the napped cloth is a light shielding cloth of a cassette for housing a photographic roll film.